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FROM LOS DEL

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: LOS SITREP - MAY 24, 1977

1. COMMITTEE I - WITH NEITHER THE PLENARY NOR SUBSTANTIVE COMMITTEES IN SESSION MAY 24, INTEREST AT THE LOS CONFERENCE FOCUSED ON A POTENTIAL PROCEDURAL WRANGLE DEVELOPING IN COMMITTEE I. THE ISSUE IN QUESTION CONCERNS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CHAIRMAN ENGO (CAMEROON) AND MINISTER EVENSEN (NORWAY), WHO CHAIRED THE INTERSESSIONAL MEETING IN GENEVA LAST MARCH.

2. EVENSEN HAS BEEN WORKING TO DEVELOP AN ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE TEXT FOR THE PRINCIPAL SECTIONS OF PART I (DEEP SEABEDS) OF THE REVISED SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT (RSNT). ALTHOUGH MOST PARTICIPANTS AT THE GENEVA INTERSESSIONAL WERE PLEASED WITH EVENSEN'S PERFORMANCE AND URGED RESUMPTION OF THESE INFORMAL MEETINGS IN NEW YORK, ENGO REPORTEDLY SUSPECTS THAT EVENSEN IS USURPING
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HIS FUNCTION AS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN. THE EARLY DAYS OF THIS SESSION HAVE BEEN MARKED BY BEHIND-THE-SCENES EFFORTS TO MOLLIFY ENGO, WHILE PRESERVING AN IMPORTANT ROLE FOR EVENSEN IN THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS.

3. ENGO HAS SAID PRIVATELY THAT HE WILL ANNOUNCE HIS DECISION ON EVENSEN'S ROLE AT THE FIRST COMMITTEE I

MEETING, MAY 25. HOPEFULLY, HE WILL PERMIT EVENSEN TO CONVENE DAILY INFORMAL COMMITTEE I MEETINGS. EVENSEN WILL REPORT REGULARLY TO ENGO, WHO MAY CALL FORMAL COMMITTEE I MEETINGS WEEKLY.

4. COMMITTEE II - THE GROUP OF FIVE COMMITTEE II EXPERTS MET MAY 24 AND AGREED TO SEEK SUPPORT FOR A HARD-LINE POSITION ON THE HIGH-SEAS STATUS OF THE ECONOMIC ZONE (ARTICLE 75). IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT WE MUST ESTABLISH GENERALLY THE PERCEPTION THAT ARTICLE 75 MUST BE CHANGED. G-FIVE POSITION IS THAT ARTICLE 75 BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

DELETE: "IN THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE."
ADD AT THE END OF THE ARTICLE: "PROVIDED THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE PART SHALL APPLY TO THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE ONLY INsofar AS THEY ARE NOT INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER III."

THE GROUP BELIEVES THAT THEY CAN GET A CORE GROUP FROM THE WEO'S, EE'S, AND LL/GDS. THIS WOULD PROVIDE A GOOD BASE FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS.
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